

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising:  
a washing container for receiving items to be washed by the dishwasher;  
a circulatory pump for circulating a rinsing liquid into contact with items received in the washing container; and  
a comminution device for comminuting rinsing residue, the comminution device and the circulatory pump being operatively interconnected in a manner such that the comminution ~~comminution~~ device is at least temporarily driven by the circulatory pump.
12. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, and further comprising a safety-friction clutch, wherein a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is made by means of the safety-friction clutch.
13. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the comminution device and the circulatory pump are operatively interconnected such that the drive of the comminution device is effected by means of an impeller of the circulatory pump.
14. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to ~~to~~ claim 11, wherein the comminution device and the circulatory pump are operatively interconnected such that a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is

made by means of a connecting shaft that is a selected one of axial displaceable and non-axially displaceable.

15. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 14, wherein the connecting shaft is selectively axially displaceable into engagement with the circulatory pump such that a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is made by means of an axial displacement of the connecting shaft into engagement with the circulatory pump and a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is broken as desired by means of an axial displacement of the connecting shaft out of engagement with the circulatory pump.
16. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 15, wherein the connecting shaft between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is selectively couplable to the hub of the impeller of the circulatory pump.
17. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising:  
a washing container for receiving items to be washed by the dishwasher;  
a circulatory pump for circulating a rinsing liquid into contact with items received in the washing container; and  
a comminution device for comminuting rinsing residue, the comminution device and the circulatory pump being operatively interconnected in a manner such that the comminution device is at least temporarily driven by the circulatory pump, wherein the comminution device and the circulatory pump are operatively interconnected such that a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is made by means of a connecting shaft that is a selected one of axial displaceable and non-axially displaceable.  
~~The dishwasher according to according to claim 14,~~

wherein the comminution device and the circulatory pump are operatively interconnected by means of a coupling regulator operable to selectively effect a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump and to break a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump, wherein the coupling regulator includes a selected one of a combination of a positive temperature coefficient and an actuating element consisting of a shape memory alloy and the absence of a combination of a positive temperature coefficient and an actuating element consisting of a shape memory alloy .

18. (Currently amended) The dishwasher according to claim 17, wherein the coupling regulator includes an actuating element ~~element~~ and further comprising at least two radial projections provided at the connecting shaft between the comminution device and the circulatory pump, the actuating element of the coupling regulator being located between the at least two radial projections for engaging the at least two radial projections to effect the axial displacement of the connecting shaft.

19. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising:  
a washing container for receiving items to be washed by the dishwasher;  
a circulatory pump for circulating a rinsing liquid into contact with items received in the washing container; and  
a comminution device for comminuting rinsing residue, the comminution device and the circulatory pump being operatively interconnected in a manner such that the comminution device is at least temporarily driven by the circulatory pump, wherein the comminution device and the circulatory pump are operatively interconnected such that a drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump is made by means of a connecting shaft that is a selected one of axial displaceable and non-axially displaceable,  
~~The dishwasher according to according to claim 14,~~

wherein the drive coupling between the comminution device and the circulatory pump can be made or broken by an electromagnetic switch which effects the axial displacement of the connecting shaft between the comminution device and the circulatory pump by action of electromagnetic force.

20. (Previously Presented) The dishwasher according to claim 17, wherein the comminution device is disposed inside and the coupling regulator is disposed outside the washing container of the dishwasher.